



# **Town of Seekonk**

## **Massachusetts**

### **Board of Assessors**

**PAUL K. BUCKLEY**, CHAIRMAN  
**JOYCE SOLOMON**, VICE CHAIRMAN  
**EDWARD F. MCGOVERN**, CLERK

**LYDIA A. CORDEIRO**, TOWN ASSESSOR

### **REGULAR MINUTES**

November 18, 2021 @ 5:40 PM

Chairman, Paul K. Buckley called the Board of Assessors Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 5:40 PM. In attendance were Paul K. Buckley, Chairman, Joyce Solomon, Vice Chairman, Edward F. McGovern, Clerk and Lydia A. Cordeiro, Town Assessor.

**1. Approve Regular Session Minutes of September 23, 2021 & October 21, 2021:**

The Board of Assessors reviewed the Regular Session Minutes of September 23, 2021 and October 21, 2021. A motion was made by Edward F. McGovern, seconded by Paul K. Buckley, to accept the September 23, 2021 and October 21, 2021 Regular Session Minutes. Accepted by a 3-0 vote.  
The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye; Joyce Solomon – Aye; Edward F. McGovern – Aye.

**2. Community Speaks:**

None at this time.

**3. Executive Session:**

A motion was made by the Joyce Solomon, seconded by Paul K. Buckley to go into Executive Session to:

- a. Approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 23, 2021 & October 21, 2021
- b. Exemptions and Abatements per submitted list pursuant to G.L.c 30A Section 21(a) (7) and G.L.c.59, Section 60; as having this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Board's litigating position.
- c. Review FY'23 Chapter Land Applications
- d. Adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session

Accepted by a 3-0 vote.

The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye; Joyce Solomon – Aye; Edward F. McGovern – Aye.

The Board of Assessors went into Executive Session at 5:42 PM.

(To return to Regular Session)

A motion was made by the Edward F. McGovern, seconded by Paul K. Buckley to reopen the Regular Session at 6:30 PM. Accepted by a 3-0 vote.

The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye; Joyce Solomon – Aye; Edward F. McGovern – Aye.

The Board of Assessors returned to Regular Session at 6:30 PM.

**4. Approval/Denial of Real Property & Motor Vehicle Abatement & Exemption Applications**

In Executive Session, the Board of Assessors reviewed, signed and approved 12 Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Applications and signed 1 Denial in Executive session.

In Executive Session, the Board of Assessors reviewed and approved Exemption Applications for:

- 1 Clause 22 Exemption Application
- 1 Clause 37A Exemption Application
- 6 Clause 41C Exemption Applications
- 1 CPA Exemption Application

In Executive Session, the Board of Assessors reviewed and tabled Exemption Applications for:

- 1 Clause 41C Exemption Application

In Executive Session. The Board of Assessors reviewed and denied Exemption Applications for:

- 1 Clause 41C Exemption Application
- Edward F. McGovern abstained from signing the denial for this application because he believed there was a lack of documentation to support denial.

**5. Review/sign monthly Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Report for October 2021:**

The Board of Assessors reviewed and signed the Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Report for October, 2021.

**6. Approval/Denial of FY'23 Chapter Land Applications:**

In Executive Session, the Board of Assessors reviewed and approved:

- 4 Chapter 61 (Forest Land) Applications
- 41 Chapter 61A (Agricultural/Horticultural Land) Applications
- 20 Chapter 61B (Recreational Land) Applications

In Executive Session, The Board of Assessors reviewed and denied:

- 1 Chapter 61B (Recreational Land) Application
- Edward F. McGovern abstained from signing a majority of the Chapter Land Applications due to a number of Chapter 61A applications that lacked documented \$500 in annual income and/or proof of sufficient acreage (5 or more).

**7. Review/sign Chapter Land Tax Lien Release for Map 16, Lot 11:**

The Board of Assessors reviewed and signed the Chapter Land Tax Lien Release for Map 16, Lot 11. Edward F. McGovern abstained from signing the application because he believed more information was needed to determine the status of the business's operation.

**8. Review/sign New Chapter Land Tax Liens for Map 5, Lot 91 & Map 23, Lot 22:**

The Board of Assessors will table this item for the next meeting.

**9. Approval of FY'22 Revised Hardship Exemption Application Qualification Documents:**

The Board of Assessors reviewed the revised FY'22 Hardship Exemption Qualification. The board will table the updating of the qualifications for the release of the FY'23 Hardship Exemption Applications.

**10. Discuss Monthly Report:**

The Board of Assessors reviewed the Assessor's Monthly Report.

**11. Discussion of and creating guidelines for Televised Meetings:**

Paul Buckley indicated that the Board of Selectmen is requesting all public meetings be televised. Therefore, he would like the board members to be better prepared for each meeting. Edward F. McGovern pointed out that the meeting will be viewed live and saved on Cable 9.

**12. Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting:**

The Town Assessor informed the board that the Assessors Office recently received two Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The Board of Assessors reviewed and signed the Warrants and Commitments for 2020 MVE Commitment 10 & 2021 MVE Commitment 5.

**13. Schedule Next Meeting:**

Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

**14. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Paul K. Buckley, seconded by Edward F. McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Accepted by a 3-0 vote.

The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye; Joyce Solomon – Aye; Edward F. McGovern – Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Halaburda